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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicant hereby petitions for a three-month extension of time to respond to the final Office Action dated October 14, 2004. If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

The Director is authorized to charge this fee and any additional fees associated with this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

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